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1. General Cabell buzzed me on Wednesday, 28 November, to say that in the recent meeting in his office concerning insurance matters a member of our Benefits and Casualty Division made the flat statement that a jet pilot could not get any insurance anywhere in the United States for any premium. He said that he challenged this because such a situation would mean that Air Force pilots could not get insurance since our Air Force is virtually a "jet" Air Force. Despite this challenge our man...who turned out to be [redacted]..stuck strongly by his statement. General Cabell said he had learned within the past forty-eight hours that a Major in the Air Force, who is a jet pilot and is on duty with the Agency, bought \$20,000 worth of insurance just a couple of weeks ago from the General Services Life Insurance Company at an extra premium of \$2.00 per thousand per year. He wanted me to know that the incident in his office had greatly shocked his confidence in our insurance people and he asked me specifically to tell them that this was the last time he wanted them to pass on such inaccurate information to him. I summoned [redacted] and Joe [redacted] to discuss this matter and instructed them to explore the subject further and report back to me. I also discussed with them at some length my philosophy ...and what I understand to be General Cabell's...as to the responsibility of the GEHA Board and indicated most emphatically that decisions as to whether or not personnel of a given project would be handled by the company were to be made by the Agency and not by the Board.

2. [redacted] requests that we withhold our proposed reply to the letter from Harold Hoskins of the Foreign Service Institute until we know whether or not we actually have a candidate. He is sending the file back to me.

3. At the Deputies' Meeting on 28 November the Director told Mr. Kirkpatrick that he thought his next job should be to investigate our security clearances. He said that he was prompted to make this remark as a result of his conversation with [redacted] who spearheads our college spotter program, as well as by [redacted] who is, I believe, our [redacted] (Office of Operations). He stated that [redacted] told him that we created in the minds of the young people whom we are trying to recruit an impression that they can't even talk to their wives about anything except the weather when they come home from work and that we created an impression that the security was so great that it really impinged upon one's personal freedom. In the course of this discussion I learned that Mr. Kirkpatrick has an eight-page letter from [redacted] and I asked him to send me a copy of it; presumably he has written a reply. From [redacted] Mr. Dulles obtained the impression that Contact Division people couldn't really do their jobs because they were prohibited from talking to people who weren't cleared by the Office of Security as red-blooded, full-

fledged Americans, etc. I responded to the Director by saying that I thought he had been given a very inaccurate impression; however, I presume that Mr. Kirkpatrick will launch an investigation into the whole subject.

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4. General Cabell discussed with me the possibility of the Deputy Director (Support) being appointed the focal point and coordinating official for Agency dealings with the Nash Committee. (Frank Nash, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, has been appointed by the President to look into the problem of our overseas bases.) After studying the papers I told General Cabell that I agreed with what I understood to be his general philosophy, i.e., it would be more appropriate to make a Deputy Director responsible for this sort of thing, but that in this particular instance it looked to me as though the Deputy Directors for Plans, Intelligence, and Support would be involved in that order, and, therefore, it might be better for the Deputy Director (Plans) to do this. He then expressed his philosophy a little further saying that neither of the other two components operated across the board, whereas the Deputy Director (Support) did, and that unless Messrs. Wisner and Amory had some objection he would ask me to take this one on. I said that I had no hesitancy in doing so. If I interpret his discussion correctly, the implication was pretty clear that the Deputy Director (Support) will get most such jobs in the future.